



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

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## Meeting Minutes

### Representative Town Meeting

**Moderator Christine Conley, Representatives Karin Adams, Jean-Claude Ambroise, Joseph Baril, Alicia Bauer, Susan Deane-Shinbrot, Luanne E. DeMatto, John A. Espada, Robert M. Garcia, Patrice Granatosky, Dolores Harrell, Conrad F. Heede, Lynn Crockett Hubbard, Matthew G. Longino, Jim Loughlin, Lisa M. Luck, Brandon Marley, Jackie Massett, Bruce A. McDermott, Roscoe Merritt, Scott Meyer, Douglas Monaghan, Karen Morton, Kathy Neugent, Scott Newsome, Juliette M. Parker, Richard J. Pasqualini, Jr., Shawn Powers, John F. Scott IV, Richard Semeraro, Bill Smith, Judith Strode, Mark Svencer, Archie C. Swindell, Fred Turnbull, Patricia Wagner, Lori A. Watrous, Ivy R. Williams and Jonathan E. Wilson**

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

7:00 PM

Groton Senior Center

#### ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

Members Present: Moderator Conley, Rep. Adams, Rep. Ambroise, Rep. Baril, Rep. Deane-Shinbrot, Rep. DeMatto, Rep. Espada, Rep. Granatosky, Rep. Heede, Rep. Loughlin, Rep. Luck, Rep. Massett, Rep. McDermott, Rep. Merritt, Rep. Meyer, Rep. Monaghan, Rep. Morton, Rep. Neugent, Rep. Newsome, Rep. Parker, Rep. Powers, Rep. Scott, Rep. Semeraro, Rep. Smith, Rep. Strode, Rep. Svencer, Rep. Swindell, Rep. Wagner, Rep. Watrous and Rep. Wilson  
Members Absent: Rep. Bauer, Rep. Garcia, Rep. Harrell, Rep. Hubbard, Rep. Longino, Rep. Marley, Rep. Pasqualini Jr., Rep. Turnbull and Rep. Williams

#### A. ROLL CALL

*Moderator Christine Conley called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.  
35 members were present, and a quorum was declared.*

Members Present: Moderator Conley, Rep. Adams, Rep. Ambroise, Rep. Baril, Rep. Bauer, Rep. Deane-Shinbrot, Rep. DeMatto, Rep. Espada, Rep. Garcia, Rep. Granatosky, Rep. Heede, Rep. Longino, Rep. Luck, Rep. Marley, Rep. Massett, Rep. McDermott, Rep. Merritt, Rep. Meyer, Rep. Monaghan, Rep. Morton, Rep. Neugent, Rep. Parker, Rep. Pasqualini Jr., Rep. Powers, Rep. Scott, Rep. Semeraro, Rep. Smith, Rep. Strode, Rep. Svencer, Rep. Swindell, Rep. Turnbull, Rep. Wagner, Rep. Watrous, Rep. Williams and Rep. Wilson  
Members Absent: Rep. Harrell, Rep. Hubbard, Rep. Loughlin and Rep. Newsome

*Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Assistant Town Manager Doug Ackerman, Finance Director Sal Pandolfo, Human Resources Director Bob Zagami, Registrars of Voters Kristen Venditti and David Rose, Superintendent of Schools Mike Graner, Board of Education Chairman Rita Volkmann, Board of Education members, Town Mayor Rita Schmidt, Town Councilors, City Mayor Marian Galbraith, City Councilors, Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher and Assistant Town Clerk Dawn Rahilly.*

#### B. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

*The members joined the Moderator in the Salute to the Flag.*

#### C. CALL OF THE MEETING

*Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher read the Call of the Meeting.*

#### 2014-0085 Annual RTM Budget Meeting

RESOLUTION SETTING RTM BUDGET MEETING DATE ON THE FYE 2015 ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET

WHEREAS, Section 9.3.1 of the Groton Town Charter requires that the Town Council determine the date for the annual budget meeting of the Representative Town Meeting, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Groton Senior Center, Newtown Road, Groton,

Connecticut.

**D. CITIZENS' PETITIONS**

*Moderator Christine Conley explained the conduct to be observed during the citizen comments and clarified the responsibilities of the RTM in regard to approving the budget. She stated that citizen comments will be limited to ten minutes.*

*Ann Shepley, 48 Riverview Avenue, Noank, spoke in favor of full funding for the Mystic & Noank Library.*

*Diane Ferguson, 81 Pearl Street, Noank, requested support for funding the proposed repair to the sidewalk in front of 81 Pearl Street, Noank. The sidewalk is uneven and unsafe. Previous attempts to repair it are not in keeping with the Neighborhood Charter. Photos, a copy of the Historic District Commission handbook and a petition signed by neighbors were presented to illustrate this issue.*

*Roger Richard, 169 Payer Lane, Mystic, supports full funding for the Mystic & Noank Library.*

*Julie Maisch, 60 Colony Road, spoke in favor of funding for the Eastern Connecticut Symphony & Orchestra.*

*Rosanne Kotowski, 24 Ann Avenue, Mystic, made various suggestions for reductions to Town Operating and BOE budgets.*

*Amber Hauge, 210 High Meadow Lane, Mystic, supports full funding for the BOE budget.*

*Deborah Johnson, 196 Flanders Road, Mystic, spoke in support of the BOE budget.*

*Scott Aument, 127 Rogers Road, spoke of various budgetary reductions, suggesting a 1-2% overall reduction from the Town Council's approved figures.*

*Meg Spenlinhauer, 135 Prospect Hill Road, Noank, supports full funding of BOE budget.*

*Town Councilor Bruce Flax, 632 Noank Road, Mystic, explained the Town Council's rationale for the budget.*

*Town Councilor Genevieve Cerf, 17 Crescent Street, spoke in support of various items in the budget.*

*Town Mayor Rita Schmidt, 12 Bank Street, Mystic, expressed her good wishes to the RTM.*

**E. RECEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS**

*Rep. Adams may be unable to attend tomorrow's session.*

*CIP Item 7E - Upgrade to Town Police Department Radio System was a late addition to the budget by the Council and does not appear on the agenda. It was considered by the RTM Finance Committee and will be considered by the entire RTM at the May 19 budget session after Account 1014. Information about this CIP was mailed to all members.*

*The Town Clerk introduced the new Assistant Town Clerk, Dawn Rahilly.*

**F. BUDGET UPDATE - Town Manager & Superintendent of Schools**

*None.*

**G. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

*Chairman Granatosky read applicable portions of the minutes of the meeting held on April 16, 2014. (Minutes are on file.)*

*Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. Garcia and so voted unanimously.*

**Account 1001 - Legislative Policy**

*A motion for \$243,678 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. Meyer.*

*Rep. Watrous disclosed that she is a Town employee working in the Town Clerk's office.*

*In answer to members' questions, the Manager explained that the additional \$200,000 will go into new cost center 10017 for initiatives, and enumerated the various projects it may fund.*

*Also discussed were postage and CCM dues.*

*The vote on \$243,678 carried 32 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions. (Opposed: Rep. Turnbull. Abstaining: Reps. Ambroise and Parker.)*

**Account 1006 - Legal Services**

*A motion for \$420,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. Meyer.*

*The vote on \$420,000 carried 34 in favor, 1 non-voting. (Non-voting: Rep. Ambroise.)*

**Account 1010 - Executive Management**

*A motion for \$439,425 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. Svencer.*

*MOTION TO AMEND to \$431,360 was made by Rep. Ambroise, seconded by Rep. Adams.*

*The amendment removes funds for a 2% raise for non-union employees.*

*Members discussed non-union raises and the fact that non-union employees pay only 10% of health care premiums.*

*MOTION TO AMEND to \$437,337 was made by Rep. Smith, seconded by Rep. Meyer.*

*This figure includes funds for a 1.5% raise for non-union employees.*

*Rep. Amboise requested a list of non-union employees in all departments, including current salaries, proposed salaries and years of service.*

*The vote on the amendment of \$437,337 failed 4 in favor, 29 opposed, 2 abstentions. (In Favor: Reps. Adams, Pasqualini, Smith and Swindell. Abstaining: Reps. Parker and Powers.)*

*The vote on the amendment of \$431,360 failed 6 in favor, 28 opposed, 1 abstention. (In Favor: Reps. Ambroise, Deane-Shinbrot, Marley, Mc Dermott, Pasqualini and Swindell. Abstaining: Rep. Parker.)*

*The vote on \$439,425 carried 27 in favor, 8 opposed. (Opposed: Reps. Ambroise, Deane-Shinbrot, Marley, McDermott, Parker, Pasqualini, Smith and Swindell.)*

**Account 1003 - Voter Registration**

*A motion for \$149,602 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. Meyer.*

*The vote on \$149,602 carried 34 in favor, 1 opposed. (Opposed: Rep. Amboise.)*

**Account 1005 - Town Clerk**

*A motion for \$372,317 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. Pasqualini.*

*Members discussed Citizen Appreciation Day and commended the Town Clerk for a 0% increase.*

*The vote on \$372,317 carried 34 in favor, 1 abstention. (Abstaining: Rep. Watrous.)*

**Account 1012 - Human Resources**

*A motion for \$337,994 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Grantosky, seconded by Rep. Svencer.*

*The vote on \$337,994 carried 30 in favor, 4 opposed, 1 abstention. (Opposed: Reps. Ambroise, Deane-Shinbrot, Smith and Swindell. Abstaining: Rep. Parker.)*

*At 9:23 p.m., the Moderator recessed the meeting until May 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.*

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**Budget Session - Thursday, May 1, 2014**

*Moderator Christine Conley called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.*

*34 members were present and a quorum was declared.*

*(Reps. Bauer, Luck and Parker arrived later in the meeting.)*

*Members Present: Moderator Conley, Rep. Adams, Rep. Ambroise, Rep. Baril, Rep. Bauer, Rep. Deane-Shinbrot, Rep. DeMatto, Rep. Granatosky, Rep. Heede, Rep. Hubbard, Rep. Longino, Rep. Luck, Rep. Marley, Rep. Massett, Rep. McDermott, Rep. Merritt, Rep. Meyer, Rep. Monaghan, Rep. Morton, Rep. Neugent, Rep. Parker, Rep. Pasqualini Jr., Rep. Powers, Rep. Scott, Rep. Semeraro, Rep. Smith, Rep. Strode, Rep. Svencer, Rep. Swindell, Rep. Turnbull, Rep. Wagner, Rep. Watrous, Rep. Williams and Rep. Wilson*  
*Members Absent: Rep. Espada, Rep. Garcia, Rep. Harrell, Rep. Loughlin and Rep. Newsome*

*Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Assistant Town Manager Doug Ackerman, Finance Director Sal Pandolfo, Public Works Director Gary Schneider, Groton Long Point Association President John Tuohy, Police Chief Jeffrey Nixon and Groton Long Point Association board members, Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher and Assistant Town Clerk Dawn Rahilly.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE (continued)**

*Chairman Granatosky read applicable portions of the minutes of the meeting held on April 8, 2014. (Minutes are on file.)*

*Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. DeMatto and so voted unanimously.*

*Rep. Swindell arrived at 7:13 p.m. 31 members present.*

**Account 10910 - Groton Long Point Police**

*A motion for \$250,00 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. DeMatto.*

*Rep. Pasqualini questioned the budget submitted by Groton Long Point stating he had requested specific numbers. Groton Long Point President John Tuohy responded the budget submitted was a summary.*

*MOTION TO AMEND to \$150,000 was made by Rep. Pasqualini, seconded by Rep. Scott.*

*The vote on the amendment of \$150,000 failed 14 in favor, 17 opposed. (In Favor: Reps. Adams, Deane-Shinbrot, Longino, Marley, McDermott, Morton, Pasqualini, Powers, Scott, Semeraro, Strobe, Swindell, Watrous and Wilson.)*

*The vote on \$250,000 carried 17 in favor, 14 opposed. (Opposed: Reps. Adams, Amboise, Deane-Shinbrot, Longino, Marley, McDermott, Morton, Pasqualini, Powers, Scott, Semeraro, Strobe, Swindell and Wilson.)*

**Account 10911 - Groton Long Point Highway Maintenance**

*A motion for \$183,500 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. DeMatto.*

*The vote on \$183,500 carried 26 in favor, 3 opposed, 2 abstentions. (Opposed: Reps. Morton, Scott and Wagner. Abstaining: Reps. Adams and Ambroise.)*

**Account 10912 - Groton Long Point Street Lighting**

*A motion for \$13,789 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. Meyer.*

*The vote on \$13,789 carried 30 in favor, 1 abstention. (Abstaining: Rep. Ambroise.)*

**Total for Account 1091 - Groton Long Point: \$447,289**

*Rep. Parker arrived at 8:00 p.m. 32 members were present.*

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

*Chairman Heede read the minutes of the meetings held on April 9, April 10 and April 16, 2014. (Minutes are on file.)*

*Motion to approve minutes was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. DeMatto and so voted unanimously.*

**Account 1035 - Public Works**

*A motion for \$6,262,213 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Heede, seconded by Rep. Massett.*

*Items discussed were non-union positions and the Assistant Director position.*

*The vote on \$6,262,213 carried 28 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstention. (Opposed: Reps. Amboise, Morton and Pasqualini. Abstaining: Rep. Marley.)*

**Account 2020 - Sewer Operating Fund**

*A motion for \$5,750,493 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Heede, seconded by Rep. Ambroise.*

*Items discussed were the number of non-union positions, upgrades to the facility, nitrogen oxide release, and fines imposed.*

*The vote on \$5,750,493 carried 31 in favor, 1 opposed. (Opposed: Rep. Ambroise.)*

**Account 2030 - Solid Waste Fund**

*A motion for \$2,389,249 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Heede, seconded by Rep. Meyer and so voted unanimously.*

**Account 6040 - Fleet Reserve Fund**

*A motion for \$1,209,595 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Heede, seconded by Rep. DeMatto and so voted unanimously.*

**Capital Item - Bridge Reconstruction**

*A motion for \$75,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Heede, seconded by Rep. Svencer and so voted unanimously.*

**Capital Item - Replacement of Defective Roadside Barrier Systems**

*A motion for \$0 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Heede, seconded by Rep. Smith and so voted unanimously.*

**Capital Item - Reconstruction of Intersection Crystal Lake Road/Military Highway**

*A motion for \$3,987,000 was made by Moderator Conley, seconded by Rep. Granatosky.*

*This figure appropriates funding for the entire project, including the State's contribution. The committee voted on \$399,000, the Town's contribution.*

*The vote on \$3,987,000 carried unanimously.*

*A recess was called at 8:45 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:03 p.m.*

**Capital Item - Local Drainage Improvements/New Installations**

*A motion for \$25,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Heede, seconded by Rep. Baril and so voted unanimously.*

**Capital Item - Judson Avenue Drainage**

*A motion for \$0 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Heede, seconded by Rep. Massett.*

*The vote on \$0 carried 30 in favor, 2 abstentions. (Abstaining: Reps. Ambroise and Swindell.)*

**Capital Item - Replacement Sidewalk Construction**

*A motion for \$55,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Heede, seconded by Rep. Adams.*

*The vote on \$55,000 carried 31 in favor, 1 abstention. (Abstaining: Rep. Granatosky.)*

**Capital Item - New Sidewalk Construction - Thomas Road**

*A motion for \$191,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Heede, seconded by Rep. Ambroise and so voted unanimously.*

*Reps. Bauer and Luck arrived at 9:15 p.m. 34 members were present.*

**Capital Item - Spicer House - Parks and Recreation Office**

*A motion for \$45,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Heede, seconded by Rep. Massett.*

*The vote on \$45,000 carried 20 in favor, 11 opposed, 3 absentions. (Opposed: Reps. Adams, Ambroise, Deane-Shinbrot, Hubbard, McDermott, Parker, Powers, Scott, Swindell, Wagner and Wilson. Abstaining: Reps. Bauer, Luck and Marley.)*

**Capital Item - Town Hall**

*A motion for \$55,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Heede, seconded by Rep. Meyer.*

*The vote on \$55,000 carried 29 in favor, 3 opposed, 2 abstentions. ( Opposed: Reps. Ambroise, Morton and Pasqualini. Abstaining: Reps. Adams and Turnbull.)*

**Capital Item - Groton Public Library**

*A motion for \$39,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Heede, seconded by Rep. Parker and so voted unanimously.*

*Rep. Ambroise left at 9:30 p.m. 33 members were present.*

**Capital Item - Vacated School properties**

*A motion for \$480,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Heede, seconded by Rep. Scott.*

*The vote on \$480,000 carried 31 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention. (Opposed: Rep. Pasqualini. Abstaining: Rep. Turnbull.)*

**Capital Item - Town Hall Annex Complex - Renovation to Barn**

*A motion for \$25,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Heede, seconded by Rep. Svencer and so voted unanimously.*

**Capital Item - Jabez Smith House**

*A motion for \$10,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Heede, seconded by Rep. Adams.*

*The vote on \$10,000 carried 32 in favor, 1 opposed. (Opposed: Rep. Pasqualini.)*

**Capital Item - Construction of Permanent Vehicle Wash Facility**

*A motion for \$25,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Heede, seconded by Rep. Meyer.*

*The vote on \$25,000 carried 25 in favor, 7 opposed, 1 abstention. ((Opposed: Reps. Adams, Hubbard, Parker, Pasqualini, Smith, Strode and Turnbull. Abstaining: Rep. Marley.)*

**Capital Item - Sewer Line Infrastructure Repairs**

*A motion for \$285,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Heede, seconded by Rep. Massett.*

*The vote on \$285,000 carried 32 in favor, 1 opposed. (Opposed: Rep. Pasqualini.)*

**Capital Item - Pump Stations**

*A motion for \$10,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Heede, seconded by Rep. Meyer.*

*The vote on \$10,000 carried 32 in favor, 1 abstention. (Abstaining: Rep. Smith.)*

**Capital Item - Treatment Facility**

*A motion for \$25,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Heede, seconded by Rep. Scott.*

*A vote on \$25,000 carried 32 in favor, 1 opposed. (Opposed: Rep. Pasqualini.)*

**Capital Item - Gas Line Extension Town Hall Annex/Fitch High**

*A motion for \$400,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Heede, seconded by Rep. Massett.*

*The vote on \$400,000 carried 29 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 abstentions. (Opposed: Reps. Powers and Turnbull. Abstaining: Reps. Monaghan and Parker.)*

*At 10:09 p.m., the Moderator recessed the meeting until May 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.*

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**Budget Session - Monday, May 5, 2014**

*Moderator Christine Conley called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.  
35 members were present and a quorum was declared.*

*The Moderator reported that Rep. Ambrose notified the Town Clerk of his absence.*

Members Present: Moderator Conley, Rep. Adams, Rep. Baril, Rep. Bauer, Rep. Deane-Shinbrot, Rep. DeMatto, Rep. Espada, Rep. Granatosky, Rep. Heede, Rep. Hubbard, Rep. Longino, Rep. Loughlin, Rep. Luck, Rep. Marley, Rep. Massett, Rep. McDermott, Rep. Merritt, Rep. Meyer, Rep. Monaghan, Rep. Morton, Rep. Neugent, Rep. Newsome, Rep. Parker, Rep. Pasqualini Jr., Rep. Powers, Rep. Scott, Rep. Semeraro, Rep. Smith, Rep. Strobe, Rep. Svencer, Rep. Turnbull, Rep. Wagner, Rep. Watrous, Rep. Williams and Rep. Wilson

Members Absent: Rep. Ambrose, Rep. Garcia, Rep. Harrell and Rep. Swindell

*Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Assistant Town Manager Doug Ackerman, Finance Director Sal Pandolfo, Human Services Director Marge Fondulas, Acting Planning & Development Director Deb Jones, Economic/Development Specialist Kristin Clarke, Manager of Inspection Services Kevin Quinn, Groton Public Library Director Betty Anne Reiter and library staff, Mystic & Noank Library Director Lois Hiller, Bill Memorial Library Director Hali Keeler, Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher and Assistant Town Clerk Dawn Rahilly.*

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE**

*Chairman Semeraro read the minutes of the meeting held on April 29, 2014.*

*(Minutes are on file.)*

*Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rep. Semeraro, seconded by Rep. Adams and so voted unanimously.*

#### **Account 1046 - Planning & Development Services**

*A motion for \$1,169,226 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Semeraro, seconded by Rep. Baril.*

*MOTION TO AMEND to \$1,154,226 was made by Rep. Pasqualini, seconded by Rep. Meyer.*

*Rep. Pasqualini explained that the reduction eliminates the increase to the Director's salary which was built into the budget but will not be used due to the Director's retirement.*

*Economic Development Specialist Kristin Clarke enumerated steps and programs implemented by the Town to retain businesses in Town*

*The Town Manager spoke about the qualifications for the Director's position.*

*MOTION TO AMEND to \$1,166,900 was made by Rep. Scott, seconded by Rep. Meyer.*

*Rep. Scott stated that this figure incorporates the Director's salary as funded in last year's budget.*

*The vote on the amendment of \$1,166,900 failed 17 in favor, 18 opposed. (In Favor: Reps. Adams, Deane-Shinbrot, DeMatto, Espada, Granatosky, Hubbard, Longino, Marley, Massett, Morton, Newsome, Parker, Pasqualini, Scott, Smith, Svencer and Watrous.)*

*The vote on the amendment of \$1,154,226 failed 10 in favor, 23 opposed, 2 abstentions. (In Favor: Reps. Adams, Deane-Shinbrot, Hubbard, Loughlin, Marley, McDermott, Morton, Pasqualini, Williams and Wilson. Abstaining: Reps. Parker and Strobe.)*

*The vote on \$1,169,226 carried 24 in favor, 11 opposed. (Opposed: Reps. Adams, Deane-Shinbrot, Hubbard, Loughlin, Marley, McDermott, Morton, Newsome, Parker, Pasqualini and Wilson.)*

#### **Capital Item - Economic Assistance Fund**

*A motion for \$250,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Semeraro, seconded by Rep. DeMatto and so voted unanimously.*

#### **Account 1051 - Human Services**

*A motion for \$592,732 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Semeraro, seconded by Rep.*



*Morton and so voted unanimously.*

**Account 7320**

*A motion for \$40,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Semeraro, seconded by Rep. Meyer.*

*Human Services Director Marge Fondulas, responding to members' questions, noted that steps are taken to insure that these funds go to Groton residents. Also discussed were unique issues with addressing the needs of the homeless and ways to increase financial support from the public.*

*The vote on \$40,000 carried unanimously.*

**Account 1007 - Regional Agencies**

*A motion for \$134,249 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Semeraro, seconded by Rep. Adams.*

*The Town Manager explained that an error was made in the budget book on pages 170 and 171. The correct figure for SECTER dues resulted in a \$66 increase in the amount approved by the Town Council.*

*The shortfall in the SEAT budget and its potential impact on Groton residents were discussed.*

*MOTION TO AMEND to \$131,191 was made by Rep. Smith, seconded by Rep. Pasqualini.*

*Rep. Smith noted there has been an increase in wages and he feels that the amount is excessive.*

*The vote on the amendment of \$131,191 failed 2 in favor, 31 opposed, 2 abstentions. (In Favor: Reps. Pasqualini and Smith. Abstaining: Reps. Deane-Shinbrot and Marley.)*

*The vote on \$134,249 carried 32 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions. (Opposed: Rep. Pasqualini. Abstaining: Reps. Deane-Shinbrot and Marley.)*

**Account 1054 - Health/Service/Cultural Agencies**

*A motion for \$1,629,348 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Semeraro, seconded by Rep. Meyer.*

*The Town Manager stated that there was an error in the Housing Authority figure. It should be the same as the current year. The figure on the floor is the correct number.*

*The Town Manager discussed the process for determining which agencies receive funding.*

*The vote on \$1,629,348 carried unanimously.*

**Account 1063 - Groton Public Library**

*A motion for \$1,687,602 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Semeraro, seconded by Rep. DeMatto and so voted unanimously.*

**Account 3310 - Connecticard Fund**

*A motion for \$47,978 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Semeraro, seconded by Rep. Luck and so voted unanimously.*

**Account 10650 - Mystic & Noank Library**

*A motion for \$188,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Semeraro, seconded by Rep. Turnbull.*

*The contribution from the Town of Stonington was discussed.*

*The vote on \$188,000 carried 33 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention. (Opposed: Rep. Granatosky. Abstaining: Rep. Massett.)*

**Account 10651 - Bill Memorial Library**

*A motion for \$20,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Semeraro, seconded by Rep. Parker and so voted unanimously.*

*At 8:10 p.m., the Moderator recessed the meeting until May 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.*

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**Budget Session - Wednesday, May 7, 2014**

*Moderator Christine Conley called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.  
32 members were present and a quorum was declared.*

*The Moderator reported that Reps. Espada and Longino notified the Town Clerk of their absence.*

*Members Present: Moderator Conley, Rep. Adams, Rep. Ambroise, Rep. Bauer, Rep. Deane-Shinbrot, Rep. DeMatto, Rep. Granatosky, Rep. Heede, Rep. Luck, Rep. Marley, Rep. Massett, Rep. McDermott, Rep. Merritt, Rep. Meyer, Rep. Monaghan, Rep. Morton, Rep. Neugent, Rep. Newsome, Rep. Parker, Rep. Pasqualini Jr., Rep. Powers, Rep. Scott, Rep. Semeraro, Rep. Smith, Rep. Strode, Rep. Svencer, Rep. Swindell, Rep. Turnbull, Rep. Wagner, Rep. Watrous, Rep. Williams and Rep. Wilson  
Members Absent: Rep. Baril, Rep. Espada, Rep. Garcia, Rep. Harrell, Rep. Hubbard, Rep. Longino and Rep. Loughlin*

*Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Finance Director Sal Pandolfo, Emergency Communications Manager Joe Sastre, Acting Police Chief Steve Smith, Police Captain Steve Sinagra, City Mayor Marian Galbraith, City Councilor Keith Hedrick, City Police Chief Thomas Davoren, Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher and Assistant Town Clerk Dawn Rahilly.*

*The Moderator announced that the regular RTM meeting scheduled for Wednesday May 14, 2014 has been cancelled.*

*Item 2014-0118 RESOLUTION FOR FYE 2014 FOURTH QUARTER TRANSFERS was referred by the Moderator to the RTM Finance Committee due back on June 11, 2014.*

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

*Chairman Pasqualini read applicable portions of the minutes of the meeting held April 7, 2014. (Minutes are on file.)*

*Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rep. Pasqualini, seconded by Rep. Meyer and so voted unanimously.*

**Account 1024 - Public Safety**

*A motion for \$6,558,561, as approved by committee was made by Rep. Pasqualini, seconded by Rep. Adams.*

*Acting Police Chief Steve Smith responded to questions about community policing, explaining that it is no longer possible and citing overtime as a main cause. He reported that since 2000 numerous public safety activities and programs have been eliminated. In 2008 additional officers were added to the force to address the overtime issue. He stated that the department continues to try to find the balance between serving residents' specific needs and basic service to the community.*

*Rep. McDermott found the recent police study comprehensive and questioned whether the numerous suggestions offered in the study are being discussed or implemented by the department.*

*In response to members' questions, finance Director Sal Pandolfo gave specific details of how the \$137,462 reduction in the Police budget was reached.*

*MOTION TO AMEND to \$6,608,561 was made by Rep. Newsome, seconded by Rep. DeMatto.*

*Rep. Newsome explained the reasoning behind this figure is putting approximately \$50,000 back while still below the \$87,000 requested by the Town Manager, and still less than a 0 percent increase. He stated he was not comfortable cutting the entire \$137,000 that the Town Council did.*

*MOTION TO AMEND to \$6,696,023 was made by Rep. Merritt, seconded by Rep. Ambroise.*

*Town Manager Oefinger responded to questions about finding reductions in areas other than salaries, such as Operations. He explained that approximately \$600,000 of the Operating budget involves maintaining police vehicles.*

*MOTION TO MOVE THE QUESTION was made by Rep. Wilson, seconded by Rep. Luck.*

*The vote on moving the question failed 16 in favor, 15 opposed, 1 abstention. (Opposed: Reps. Adams, Ambroise, Bauer, Deane-Shinbrot, DeMatto, Granatosky, Heede, Luck, Massett, McDermott, Newsome, Neugent, Scott, Svencer and Swindell. Abstaining: Rep. Powers.) (Moving the question requires a two-thirds vote.)*

*The vote on the amendment of \$6,696,023 failed 12 in favor, 19 opposed, 1 abstention. (In Favor: Reps. Ambroise, Bauer, DeMatto, Granatosky, Massett, Merritt, Meyer, Monaghan, Powers, Svencer, Turnbull and Williams. Abstaining: Rep. Marley.)*

*The vote on the amendment of \$6,608,561 carried 22 in favor, 9 opposed, 1 abstention. (Opposed: Reps. Deane-Shinbrot, McDermott, Merritt, Morton, Scott, Semeraro, Smith, Wagner and Wilson. Abstaining: Rep. Marley.)*

#### **Capital Item - Police Station**

*Chairman Pasqualini read applicable portions of the minutes of the meeting held April 7, 2014.*

*Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rep. Pasqualini, seconded by Rep. Ambroise and so voted unanimously.*

*A motion for \$148,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Pasqualini, seconded by Rep. Ambroise.*

*Chairman Pasqualini explained that the committee cut \$20,000 for engineering costs.*

*MOTION TO AMEND to \$168,000 was made by Rep. Svencer, seconded by Rep. Heede.*

*Rep. Svencer stated that his rationale is that these are State funds and will not affect local taxes.*

*Rep. Watrous questioned whether the replacement boilers will be compatible with the gas line project, making the cost to switch over to gas minimal. Town Manager Mark Oefinger noted that the boilers are dual compatible.*

*The vote on the amendment of \$168,000 carried unanimously.*

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE (continued)**

*Chairman Granatosky read applicable portions of the minutes of the meeting held on April 16, 2014. (Minutes are on file.)*

*A motion to approve the minutes was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. DeMatto.*

*The vote to approve the minutes carried 31 in favor, 1 non-voting. (Non-voting: Rep. Luck.)*

**Capital Item - Upgrade to Town Police Dept. Radio System**

*A motion for \$0 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. DeMatto.*

*MOTION TO AMEND to \$100,000 was made by Rep. Pasqualini, seconded by Rep. Merritt.*

*Acting Police Chief Smith explained that the three police departments are unable to communicate with each other with the current radio system. Members noted the three departments are not on board with a consolidated central dispatch and have had little discussion. Rep. Smith stated that in the absence of an agreement, the RTM should wait to vote until next week after the Town and City have met.*

*MOTION TO TABLE was made by Rep. Scott, seconded by Rep. DeMatto.*

*The motion to table carried 17 in favor, 15 opposed. (Opposed: Reps. Ambroise, Bauer, Granatosky, McDermott, Merritt, Meyer, Monaghan, Morton, Newsome, Powers, Swindell, Wagner, Watrous, Williams and Conley.)*

*Moderator Conley called for a brief recess at 9:14 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:32 p.m.*

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (continued)**

*Chairman Pasqualini read applicable portions of the minutes of the meeting held on April 7, 2014. (Minutes are on file.)*

*Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rep. Pasqualini, seconded by Rep. Heede and so voted unanimously.*

**Account 10261 - Mystic River Ambulance**

*A motion for \$40,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Pasqualini, seconded by Rep. Svencer.*

*Rep. Wilson disclosed that he is an unpaid employee of Groton Ambulance, but will be voting on this account.*

*The vote on \$40,000 carried unanimously.*

**Account 10260 - Groton Ambulance**

*A motion for \$105,951 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Pasqualini, seconded by Rep. Meyer.*

*The vote on \$105,951 carried 28 in favor, 1 opposed, 3 abstentions. (Opposed: Rep. Ambroise. Abstaining: Reps. Adams, DeMatto and Wilson.)*

**Total for Account 1026 - Ambulance Services: \$145,951**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE (Continued)**

*Chairman Granatosky read the applicable portion of the minutes of the meeting held on April 8, 2014.*

*Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. Amboise and so voted unanimously.*

*Rep. Parker disclosed that she is an employee of the City of Groton.*

**Account 10900 - City of Groton Police**

*A motion for \$2,232,573 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. DeMatto, and so voted unanimously.*

**Account 10901 - City of Groton Highway Maintenance**

*A motion for \$2,008,281 was made by Moderator Conley, seconded by Rep. Merritt, and so voted unanimously.*

**Account 10904 - City of Groton Street Lighting**

*A motion for \$116,315 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. Heede and so voted unanimously.*

*At 10:06 p.m., the Moderator recessed the meeting until May 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.*

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**Budget Session - Wednesday, May 14, 2014**

*Moderator Christine Conley called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.  
34 members were present and a quorum was declared.  
(Rep. Scott arrived later in the meeting.)*

*The Moderator reported that Reps. Harrell, Longino and Wilson notified the Town Clerk of their absence.*

*Members Present: Moderator Conley, Rep. Adams, Rep. Ambroise, Rep. Baril, Rep. Bauer, Rep. Deane-Shinbrot, Rep. DeMatto, Rep. Espada, Rep. Garcia, Rep. Granatosky, Rep. Heede, Rep. Hubbard, Rep. Loughlin, Rep. Luck, Rep. Marley, Rep. Massett, Rep. McDermott, Rep. Meyer, Rep. Monaghan, Rep. Morton, Rep. Neugent, Rep. Parker, Rep. Pasqualini Jr., Rep. Powers, Rep. Scott, Rep. Semeraro, Rep. Smith, Rep. Strobe, Rep. Svencer, Rep. Swindell, Rep. Turnbull, Rep. Wagner, Rep. Watrous and Rep. Williams*

*Members Absent: Rep. Harrell, Rep. Longino, Rep. Merritt, Rep. Newsome and Rep. Wilson*

*Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Assistant Town Manager Doug Ackerman, Finance Director Sal Pandolfo, Parks & Recreation Director Mark Berry, Superintendent of Schools Mike Graner, Assistant Superintendent Sean McKenna, Board of Education Business Manager Carolyn Dickey, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds for Education Bill Robarge, Board of Education Chairman Rita Volkmann, Board of Education members, Golf Pro Todd Goodhue, Golf Course Superintendent Eric Morrison, Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher and Assistant Town Clerk Dawn Rahilly.*

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

*Chairman Swindell read the minutes of the meeting held on April 22, 2014. (Minutes are on file.)  
Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rep. Swindell, seconded by Rep. Meyer.*

*The motion to approve the minutes carried 32 in favor, 1 abstention. (Abstaining: Rep. Ambroise.)*

**Account 1080 - Education Services**

*A motion for \$75,098,943 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Swindell, seconded by Rep. Meyer.*

*Rep. Neugent praised Dr. Graner and the BOE and noted that the 1.9 percent increase in the budget is due to a rise in the cost of required items. She noted that good schools promote economic development and are a factor in people wanting to live in the community.*

*The following disclosures were made: Rep. Ambroise's wife works for the Board of Education (BOE) and he intends to vote on this account; Rep. Deane-Shinbrot works for BOE administration and intends to vote on this account; Rep. Svencer's wife works for the BOE and he intends to vote on this account.*

*Dr. Graner addressed the relationship between budget increases and test scores.*

*Rep. Scott arrived at 7:28 p.m. 34 members were present.*

*Responding to Rep. Loughlin's question, Dr. Graner explained the difference between Charter and Magnet Schools.*

*Responding to Rep. Pasqualini, Dr. Graner cited factors that contributed to the \$2.6 million budget increase despite savings that amounted to \$1.4 million.*

*Responding to Rep. Powers, the Superintendent explained the increase in transportation costs. Rep. Powers suggested that the BOE explore different forms of transportation.*

*Rep. Scott disclosed that his company provides student accident insurance and that he will be abstaining from the vote.*

*The vote on \$75,098,943 carried 32 in favor, 2 abstentions. (Abstaining: Reps. Monaghan and Scott.)*

#### **Capital Item - Asbestos Removal**

*A motion for \$445,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Swindell, seconded by Rep. Meyer.*

*Rep. Pasqualini questioned allocating funds when there is no plan as to which schools will be closed. Dr. Graner explained there are three schools that were built in the 1950's that are most problematic. He noted that even if a decision was made on Charles Barnum School today, it would take five years for it to actually close.*

*The vote on \$445,000 carried unanimously.*

#### **Capital Item - Energy Efficiency Measures**

*A motion for \$65,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Swindell, seconded by Rep. Meyer and so voted unanimously.*

#### **Capital Item - School Security**

*A motion for \$200,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Swindell, seconded by Rep. Ambroise.*

*Rep. Powers asked if there is any State or Federal aid in light of Sandy Hook. Dr. Graner explained that there have been two rounds of State grant money. There are now security cameras for which we have been reimbursed. A security audit with police recommended vestibules with a buzzer system. He noted that when and if more funds become available, we will apply for them.*

*The vote on \$200,000 carried unanimously.*

*Moderator Conley called for a recess at 8:09 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:21 p.m.*

*Rep. Hubbard left at 8:19 p.m. 33 members were present.*

#### **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

*Chairman Svencer read the minutes of the meeting held April 22, 2014. (Minutes are on file.)*

*Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rep. Svencer, seconded by Rep. Adams and so voted unanimously.*

#### **Account 1064 - Parks & Recreation**

*A motion for \$1,777,519 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Svencer, seconded by Rep. Granatosky.*

*Rep. Neugent disclosed she is the RTM liason to the Master Plan Committee and intends to vote. She praised Groton's youth programs and noted that the Senior Center and parks contribute to economic development.*

*Rep. Luck disclosed she has been a member of the Master Plan Committee for three years and intends to vote.*

*Rep. Ambrose stated he supports the Parks & Recreation department, but cannot support the motion because of supervisors' raises that are included in the figure.*

*A vote on \$1,777,519 carried 32 in favor, 1 opposed. (Opposed: Rep. Ambrose.)*

#### **Account 3240 - Recreation & Senior Activities**

*A motion for \$1,051,260 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Svencer, seconded by Rep. Granatosky.*

*Responding to Rep. Morton, Director Mark Berry explained that because of the clientele, they attempt to keep the cost of Senior programs as low as possible.*

*Rep. Smith questioned the increase in accounts 1064 and 3240. Mr. Berry explained that the increase is a result of shifting funds from the General Fund into Account 3240, the Special Revenue fund which comprises programs fees.*

*Rep. Powers complimented Mr. Berry for doing all he does to enhance the quality of life for the elderly.*

*Rep. Deane-Shinbrot would like to see additional funds to lower the cost of camps for some of the youth that can't afford it. Mr. Berry noted that fees are already set for this year, but that if the RTM and Town Manager want to lower the cost of the camps, that can be done. He noted that the cost of providing the camps is not going down and somehow we will have to make up the lost revenue.*

*Responding to Moderator Conley's question, Mr. Berry explained that financial assistance is available for children that may need it.*

*The vote on \$1,051,260 carried unanimously.*

#### **Account - Shennecossett Golf Course Fund**

*A motion for \$1,209,657 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Svencer, seconded by Rep. DeMatto, and so voted unanimously.*

#### **Capital Item - Trail Improvement Program**

*A motion for \$50,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Svencer, seconded by Rep. Meyer.*

*Rep. McDermott noted that Mr. Berry and the committee have developed an excellent web site and recommended that everyone look at it.*

*The vote on \$50,000 carried unanimously.*

#### **Capital Item - Open Space Acquisition and Development**

*A motion for \$25,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Svencer, seconded by Rep. Powers.*

*Rep. Neugent suggested that these funds will give the Town the flexibility to purchase small parcels*

*to extend trails and take other steps to enhance the Town's parks.*

*The vote on \$25,000 carried unanimously.*

#### **Capital Item - Golf Course Improvement Plan**

*A motion for \$50,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Svencer, seconded by Rep. Ambroise.*

*Responding to a question from Rep. Smith about LoCIP funds, Mr. Berry explained that all towns receive a certain amount of the State funds which can only be used for certain things. If the money is not used this year, it remains in the fund for future use.*

*Rep. Neugent reminded the members that the golf course is a money maker for the Town.*

*Mr. Berry spoke about surveying golfers as to what they like and what they feel needs improvement. He explained that the bunkers need to be reduced to increase the pace of play.*

*The vote on \$50,000 carried 30 in favor, 3 opposed. (Opposed: Reps. Semeraro, Smith and Strode.)*

#### **Capital Item - Park Improvement Plan**

*A motion for \$60,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Svencer, seconded by Rep. Ambroise.*

*Rep. Deane-Shinbrot stated that she lives across from Woodcrest Park and asked what kind of signage is proposed for the park. Mr. Berry explained that to achieve compliance with new ADA requirements, it is necessary to modify many parking spaces, and to include proper signage identifying the spaces and listing penalties for using spaces illegally.*

*The vote on \$60,000 carried unanimously.*

*At 8:55 p.m., the Moderator recessed the meeting until May 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.*

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#### **Budget Session - Monday, May 19, 2014**

*Moderator Christine Conley called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.*

*30 members were present, and a quorum was declared.*

*(Reps. Parker and Scott arrived later in the meeting.)*

*Members Present: Moderator Conley, Rep. Adams, Rep. Ambroise, Rep. Baril, Rep. Deane-Shinbrot, Rep. DeMatto, Rep. Espada, Rep. Granatosky, Rep. Heede, Rep. Loughlin, Rep. Luck, Rep. Massett, Rep. McDermott, Rep. Merritt, Rep. Meyer, Rep. Monaghan, Rep. Morton, Rep. Neugent, Rep. Newsome, Rep. Parker, Rep. Powers, Rep. Scott, Rep. Semeraro, Rep. Smith, Rep. Strode, Rep. Svencer, Rep. Swindell, Rep. Wagner, Rep. Watrous and Rep. Wilson*

*Members Absent: Rep. Bauer, Rep. Garcia, Rep. Harrell, Rep. Hubbard, Rep. Longino, Rep. Marley, Rep. Pasqualini Jr., Rep. Turnbull and Rep. Williams*

*Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Assistant Town Manager Doug Ackerman, Finance Director Sal Pandolfo, Tax Assessor Mary Gardner, Tax Collector Cindy Small, Treasurer Cindy Landry, Purchasing Agent John Piacenza, Emergency Communications Manager Joe Sastre, Information Technology Manager Brian Hancock and Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher.*

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE (continued)**

*Chairman Granatosky read applicable portions of the minutes of the meeting held April 16, 2014. (Minutes are on file.)*

*Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. DeMatto and so voted unanimously.*



**Account 1011 - Information Technology**

*A motion for \$1,044,779 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. Meyer.*

*Rep. Ambrose stated that he will not be supporting budgets that include any increases to non-union salaries because he believes that non-union employees should contribute more than 10% for their health benefits. He noted that union employees contribute 12-15% of their premiums. He would like to see more equitable contributions among all employees.*

*The vote on \$1,044,779 carried 27 in favor, 1 opposed. (Opposed: Ambrose.)*

**Account 6050 - Computer Replacement Fund**

*A motion for \$146,140 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. DeMatto and so voted unanimously.*

**Account 1014 - Emergency Communications**

*A motion for \$1,338,599 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. Meyer.*

*Rep. Scott arrived at 7:20 p.m. 29 members were present.*

*The vote on \$1,338,599 carried 27 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 non-voting. (Opposed: Rep. Ambrose. Non-voting: Rep. Scott.)*

**Capital Item - Upgrade to Town Police Dept. Radio System**

*MOTION TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE Capital Item - Upgrade to Town Police Dept. Radio System was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. Meyer.*

*VOTE TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE Capital Item - Upgrade to Town Police Dept. Radio System carried 28 in favor, 1 non-voting. (Non-voting: Rep. Scott.)*

*MAIN MOTION on the floor is for \$0 as recommended by the committee.*

*AMENDED MOTION on the floor is for \$100,000.*

*Discussion included clarification of the intention to fund a larger project in four parts. Town and City Councilors are working toward a resolution to possibly integrate the two dispatch systems. This CIP represents an act of good faith by the Town Council in working toward a resolution.*

*Reps. Luck and McDermott support the \$100,000 to show good faith.*

*Rep. Swindell supports the motion and would like to see cooperation in implementing some of the recommendations in the recent Police Study.*

*VOTE on the amendment of \$100,000 failed 8 in favor, 20 opposed, 1 abstention. (In favor: Reps. Luck, McDermott, Monaghan, Morton, Neugent, Powers, Svencer and Watrous. Abstaining: Rep. Merritt.)*

*VOTE on \$0 carried 22 in favor, 6 opposed, 1 abstention. (Opposed: Reps. Luck, McDermott, Monaghan, Neugent, Powers and Svencer. Abstaining: Rep. Merritt.)*

**Account 1013 - Finance Administration**

*A motion for \$1,405,808 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. DeMatto.*

*Rep. Ambrose stated he will not support this figure due to the inclusion of the 10% health insurance contribution for non-union employees.*

*The Town Manager explained the proposed wage and benefit increases. Also discussed was a proposed comparison of wages and benefits among Groton employees, private sector employees and other municipal employees.*

*The vote on \$1,405,808 carried 28 in favor, 1 opposed. (Opposed: Rep. Ambrose.)*

**Account 2120 - Revaluation Fund**

*A motion for \$30,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. Meyer and so voted unanimously.*

**Account 1070 - Insurance and Claims**

*A motion for \$560,714 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. DeMatto.*

*Rep. Parker arrived at 7:40 p.m. 30 members were present.*

*The vote on \$560,714 carried 28 in favor, 2 abstentions. (Abstaining: Reps. Parker and Scott.)*

**Account 1071 - Self Funded Plans**

*A motion for \$8,688,311 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. DeMatto.*

*Rep. Smith stated that he fully supports the motion and questioned how the Town can get to a fully funded program. The Town Manager explained that Groton is funding at 83%. He predicted that the Town will have an increase in returns and will be looking at an increase in contributions from employees which will need to be negotiated in contracts.*

*The vote on \$8,688,311 carried 29 in favor, 1 abstention. (Abstaining: Rep. Scott.)*

**Account 1092 - Fire District PILOT**

*A motion for \$246,012 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. DeMatto and so voted unanimously.*

**Account 1077 - Contributions to Other Funds**

*A motion for \$115,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. DeMatto and so voted unanimously.*

**Account 1076 - Debt Service**

*A motion for \$5,251,300 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. DeMatto and so voted unanimously.*

**Account 2060 - Mumford Cove**

*A motion for \$21,038 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. DeMatto and so voted unanimously.*

**Account 4010 - Groton Sewer District**

*A motion for \$848,896 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. Meyer and so voted unanimously.*

**Account 1074 - Contingency**

*A motion for \$350,000 as approved by committee was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. DeMatto and so voted unanimously.*

**Account 5010 - Capital Reserve Fund**

*A motion for \$2,724,000 was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. DeMatto.*

*The vote on \$2,724,000 carried 29 in favor, 1 opposed. (Opposed: Rep. Ambroise.)*

**Account 1075 - Capital Reserve Contribution**

*A motion for \$1,700,000 was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. Meyer.*

*The vote on \$1,700,000 carried 29 in favor, 1 opposed. (Opposed: Rep. Ambroise.)*

**H. OTHER BUSINESS**

**2014-0171 Non-union salaries and benefits**

COMPARISON OF NON-UNION SALARIES AND BENEFITS TO PRIVATE SECTOR AND OTHER MUNICIPALITIES

**This matter was Referred to the RTM Finance Committee, due back on July 9, 2014.**

*Rep. Ambroise requested a comparison of non-union salaries and benefits to the private sector and other municipalities. He would like to have a comprehensive discussion of this matter.*

**2014-0172 Community Policing in Certain Neighborhoods**

COMMUNITY POLICING IN CERTAIN NEIGHBORHOODS

**This matter was Referred to the RTM Public Safety Committee, due back on July 9, 2014.**

*Rep. Ambroise requested a referral to look into providing community policing in certain neighborhoods. He would like to invite the Town Council, public safety officials and Reps. Meyer, Merritt and Baril to be invited to the meeting at which this is discussed.*

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. was made by Rep. Svencer, seconded by Rep. Wilson and so voted unanimously.*

*Attest:*

*Betsy Moukawsher, Town Clerk  
Clerk of the RTM*

*Dawn G. Rahilly, Assistant Town Clerk*